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Predators on verge of extinction

▶ Vancouver's Henrik Sedin, left, celebrates with teammates after the Canucks beat the Predators in Game 4 Thursday in Nashville, Tenn. Sedin scored an empty-net goal in the final seconds to secure a 4-2 win for the Canucks, who took a 3-1 lead in the series. Story, page 29.

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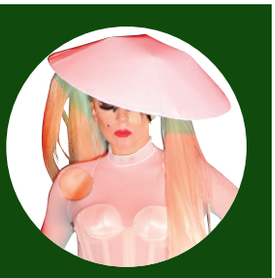

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▶ Devon Allaire-Bell's mother Cynthia, left, is comforted by her husband Wayne during a press conference at the Surrey RCMP headquarters on Thursday.

Parents' message for son's killers: 'Be men'

Video footage shows five men leaving park after stabbing, one wearing a white track suit, another in a grey track suit Group known to hang out near park, intimidating passersby

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The heartbroken parents of a teenager stabbed to death in Surrey while playing soccer with a friend have made an emotional plea for their son's killers to "be men" and come forward.

Devon Allaire-Bell, 19, was killed and his best friend injured during an altercation with six other young men behind Frank Hurt high school on April 24.

"It is Devon that is giving me the strength to stand here," Cynthia Allaire-Bell, the victim's mother, said as she stood before a wall of news cameras.

"If you believe you were a man when you did this, be a man and stand up and take responsibility.

"What these people took from us was so precious. I was and still am so proud of my sons."
WAYNE BELL

"That's my baby," she said, laying her hand on a wooden box holding her son's remains.

"To the people who did this, you reduced this very caring young man to ashes."

RCMP Cpl. Dale Carr said there are people out there who know who is responsible for Devon's death.

"There may be persons in this group that did not do anything wrong and investigators want to speak with these individuals," he said.

Devon's father Wayne Bell said he's confident police will catch his son's killers.

"(Whatever their punishment is) will never be enough because we will never get Devon back," he said. "This kind of violence has got to stop."

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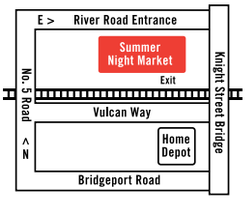

HEROIN

Spike in overdose deaths

Deadly heroin being dealt in parts of the Lower Mainland has caused heroin overdoses to double since January, the B.C. Coroners Service warned Thursday.

More than 20 heroin overdoses have occurred in the first four months of 2011, double that of a year earlier. Heroin may have also been a factor in several other deaths, the agency said.

According to the RCMP, the heroin dealt in some parts of Metro Vancouver is "at least twice as potent" as usual. It could harm or even kill drug users who are unaware of the increased potency and inject or ingest their usual amount. METRO

Six robbery suspects arrested in takedown

Vancouver Police and the RCMP arrested six men during a "tactical takedown" in Coquitlam on Thursday afternoon.

The arrests were made following an armed robbery at a jewelry store in Willowbrook Mall in Langley, Vancouver Const. Lindsey Houghton said.

"The men arrested were part of an investigation led by the Vancouver Police in conjunction with the Langley RCMP occurred," he said.

Houghton wouldn't discuss the nature of the investigation since charges are pending. Earlier reports suggested bear spray may have been used and a firearm was discharged during the robbery. The mall was evacuated.

The men in custody are facing possible weapons- and robbery-related charges. KRISTEN THOMPSON

Inquest moved up

The B.C. Coroner's Service announced Thursday that its inquest into the fatal Pandora Street fire has been moved up to Oct. 24 — from Nov. 28 — at the request of the City of Vancouver.

The December fire killed Garland McKay, Dwayne Rasmussen and Stephen Yellowquill. METRO

Youth message for adults

A new North Shore campaign aimed at keeping alcohol out of the hands of minors during grad season launched Thursday.

But unlike most campaigns that address youth, Vancouver Coastal Health and its partners are going after parents. METRO

Tapped in: Brew festival gets hoppin'

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/FOR METRO

▶ Brewmaster James Walton of Storm Brewing — one of the local breweries participating at the Vancouver Craft Beer Week — shows off one of his handcrafted beers on Commercial Drive Thursday.

▶ Nine-day stein hoist celebrates local craft-beer industry ▶ About 60 breweries will be showcasing their beers in casks, kegs and bottles

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Feeling a bit parched? Beginning Friday, diehard beer enthusiasts can raise their glasses in a nine-day party that showcases the creations of different local craft breweries.

The Vancouver Craft Beer Week — which runs until May 14 — is a mecca for craft-beer enthusiasts and adventurous foodies.

"This year it's about educating the general public on why craft beer is a great product, why it deserves to be at the dinner table next to wine and why you should support your local breweries," said Chris Bjerrisgaard of Vancouver Craft Beer Week.

The second annual beer week will have nine signature events that include the Dead Famous Pub Crawl — where crawlers are asked to dress up as famous dead people — and the Brewery Creek beer festivals.

Breweries will be pairing their beers with local chefs — who will be creating their own culinary creations.

"We're not some stuffy wine festival that we're all going to sit around and quietly sniff wine and analyze it," Bjerrisgaard said. "It's just a big party. Yes, we want to turn people onto drinking good beer but (we're) not going to do that by being a snob. (We're) going to do that by showing (people) how much of a good time the scene is."

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/FOR METRO

▶ Premier Christy Clark in Kitsilano Thursday.

People first, debate second: Clark

Premier Christy Clark says she'd rather be out talking to voters than be yelled at by other politicians in a debate.

"I'm working my heart out to try and win this by-election but I don't have the luxury of being able to be a 24/7 candidate because I have another job," said Clark Thursday in Kitsilano.

The premier has been criticized for dodging a candidates debate with in the Vancouver-Point Grey riding.

"Rather than sitting and yelling or getting yelled at by other politicians in front of audiences ... I'm spending my time talking to people ... and finding out what's most important for the people I hope to represent." PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

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News in brief

Hate crime arrest made

ETHNIC SLURS. Abbotsford police have arrested a 29-year-old man in connection with an alleged racially motivated assault on a 63-year-old Indo-Canadian man on April 26. That night, the suspect allegedly approached the victim and three other men, yelled ethnic slurs and struck the victim with a liquor bottle. Police are recommending a charge of assault with a weapon. METRO

UBC first fair trade campus

GOOD COFFEE. UBC has been named Canada's first fair trade campus, the school announced on Thursday. It will soon carry its own blend of ethically grown coffee. METRO

Cops nab man in West Van

BREAK-IN. A 31-year-old man has been arrested in West Vancouver after a woman came home to find her door ajar and a man on her property. The man got into a car and the woman threw a rock through his rear window. Leif Spilchen, a parolee living in a halfway house, faces several charges. METRO

Beware thief, police say

FRIENDLY CONVICT. Police are warning the public a convicted thief, who allegedly befriends elderly people and then robs them, is moving into a halfway house in Vancouver. Tracy Lloyd Caza, 50, is considered to be at a high risk to re-offend. METRO

Brother gives back to stem cell network

- OneMatch helped his little brother with leukemia to get transplant
- He signs up as new stem cell candidate

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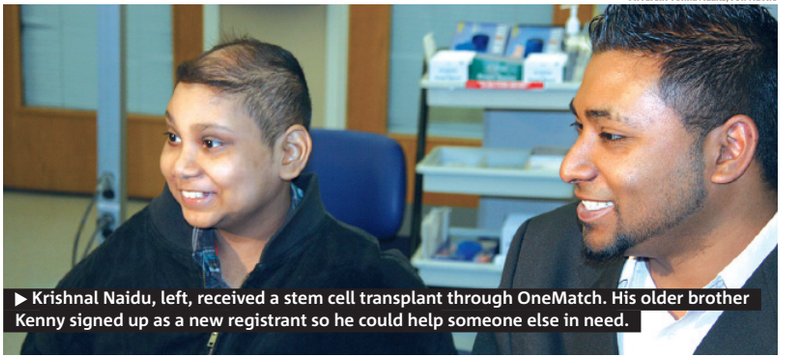

▶ Krishnal Naidu, left, received a stem cell transplant through OneMatch. His older brother Kenny signed up as a new registrant so he could help someone else in need.

Although Kenny Naidu wasn't a match for his younger brother Krishnal — who was diagnosed with leukemia — he decided to give back to the national stem cell registry that gave his brother's life back and to possibly save someone else's.

Kenny signed up as a new stem cell candidate for OneMatch, a network operated by Canadian Blood Services responsible for finding and matching volunteer donors to patients who require transplants.

Naidu is helping raise awareness for the cancer-fighting legacy of former B.C. MLA Sindi Hawkins and encourage British Columbians of all ethnic backgrounds to participate in the "Thanks Mom!" stem cell drive on Saturday at Metrotown.

"You cannot give that kind of gift anywhere else, all it takes is just a little bit of a swab and at the end of the day you could be saving someone else's life and you're giving a son or a daughter to a mother," said Kris Naidu, Krishnal's father.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

▶ Donald MacPherson speaks to media Thursday to preview a Simon Fraser University-led discussion on the Insite supervised injection site scheduled for May 17.

Discussion to shed insight on Insite

Federal government heads to Supreme Court of Canada to shut down Insite next week

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The man who penned the Four Pillars drug strategy says there are simply too many questions swirling around the government's legal battle against Insite to predict what may happen.

Donald MacPherson, the former drug policy co-ordinator for the City of Vancouver, said all eyes will be on Ottawa next week when the federal government goes to the Supreme Court of Canada in an attempt to shut down the Vancouver supervised injection site.

No matter the outcome, MacPherson says the decision will have wide-ranging implications.

"If the courts become the battleground for innovative drug strategies then we're in for a long haul," he said. "In the case of Insite, it has come to this. (The decision) poses the future of Canadian drug policy."

It could take the court up to a year to make a decision, according to Pivot Legal Society's Darcie Bennett. In the meantime, she said, there is a lot of confusion surrounding the legal battle.

That's why Pivot and SFU Woodward's will be hosting a free discussion on Insite's history, present and future May 17.

"We will discuss what a decision in this case, whether it's positive or negative for Insite, means for the future of drug policy," she said.

To reserve a ticket, visit drugpolicyforum.eventbrite.com.

B.C. won't appeal class-size court ruling

The B.C. government won't appeal a court ruling rapping its knuckles for stripping teachers of the right to negotiate class size and composition.

But Education Minister George Abbott said Thursday despite the decision not to appeal, it's too early to say if teachers will be able to negotiate new class sizes and composition structures in their next contract.

The current teacher contract expires at the end of this school year.

The B.C. Teachers' Federation has already said it intends to make class sizes and composition one of its major bargaining positions this summer,

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▶ George Abbott

which Abbott acknowledged is their right.

But he said the contract talks may be held under the old rules that the court rejected.

Abbott also didn't categorically rule out using legislation again to set future class size and composition limits, but was careful to point out that legislation is not the government's preferred direction.

"The court has given us 12 months to find an appropriate remedy to this. The court has, though, directed a process. It hasn't directed an outcome."

Abbott appointed the president of the government's employers' council to lead consultations on the class size issue with the B.C. Teachers' Federation and school trustees.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kitsilano to get new social housing

A new social housing complex will open its doors for seniors and people with physical disabilities by next year, Premier Christy Clark announced Thursday.

The province contributed $6.7 million to build the four-storey 30-unit building, which includes 10 wheelchair-accessible apartments, at 8th Avenue and Vine Street.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS

Snow traps mountain bikers on Cypress

Five youths spent several frigid hours caught in heavy snow in Cypress Bowl on Vancouver's North Shore.

The five — between the ages of 12 and 15 — were lightly dressed when they began cycling along the Trans-Canada Trail Wednesday afternoon.

One of the youths used a cell phone when the group became mired in the deep snow. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ferry damaged in landing

One of B.C. Ferries' new Super C class vessels was damaged Thursday when it made a hard landing at the Swartz Bay terminal on Vancouver Island.

The Coastal Celebration was leaving the terminal around midday when it suddenly reversed direction and slammed into the ramp. No one was injured, but the vessel's door and the ramp were damaged.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Make biological mom a priority on Mother's Day: divorce expert

Holidays have likely always included an element of stress, given that a degree of guilt and resentment seems to live just below the surface of every family — no matter how outwardly harmonious.

But those complexities are multiplied in families where parents have divorced and new spouses have been added to the mix, especially on Mother's Day, said Karen Stewart, a divorce expert and CEO of Fairway Divorce Solutions.

Stewart acknowledged that every family is different, but added a hard-and-fast rule is to give priority to biological moms on Mother's Day, regardless of whose day it is to have the kids.

"Have a conversation with the kids. Ask them how they'd like to acknowledge the holiday for each of the moms in their lives."
KAREN STEWART, FAIRWAY DIVORCE SOLUTIONS

"If Mother's Day falls on dad's weekend, then plans should be made long in advance," she said.

"Fathers shouldn't require the kids to make a special gesture toward their stepmom or girlfriend."

However, Stewart said Mother's Day is about celebrating all women who play a mother role, and stepmoms could feel alienated if they are left out of the equation altogether.

"There should be recognition of the stepmom on Mother's Day, but how it's done should be up to the kids," Stewart said.

"It is a fine balance and one that needs to be handled properly. Respecting all parties is very important.

"The day is about teaching children about being thankful and having gratitude for the hard work of their caregivers."

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▶ Scott Hicks with a small sampling of his hockey memorabilia in his home in Ontario. He says hockey fans can get in on collecting without spending tons of money by going to free events and game signings.

Hockey history to be had for cheap

Fan collection includes pieces autographed by Wayne Gretzky, Pavel Bure, Steven Stamkos and Bobby Orr

Despite being miles from Vancouver, a self-confessed Canucks fan in Ontario was through the roof when Alex Burrows potted his Game 7 overtime goal against the Blackhawks.

"That Game 7 was epic," said Scott Hicks. "It was nerve-racking when (Jonathan) Toews scored so late in the game, but I think it's destiny for the Canucks. I still say they're going to win the Stanley Cup and that was just a hurdle they had to get through."

Aside from being a Canucks fan, Hicks is also an avid collector. He has been collecting hockey cards and memorabilia for more than 20 years without spending big bucks.

"It's a way to get closer to the game," he said. "There really is a nostalgic side to it. You remember a game or a piece has a certain memory for you."

Hicks, 36, recommends looking for free events and game signings to get collectibles without spending a dime.

He has more than 100 pieces ranging from autographed pucks, sticks, jerseys and photos. But the most prized piece in his collection is a game-used and autographed Bure jersey he acquired in 1994.

"Getting to meet him, shake his hand and take pictures with him was really big for me."

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Army deployed to help Quebec flood victims

Government can't fully compensate the 3,000 people who lost homes, premier says ◗ Waters continue to rise

With entire neighbourhoods half covered in water, Canadian soldiers were being deployed in southeastern Quebec Thursday to help flood victims.

Military vehicles rumbled into the hardest-hit areas, where soldiers placed sandbags to help stop the flooding.

Area residents, meanwhile, struggled to get around in canoes and all-terrain vehicles.

The military arrived one day after Quebec Premier Jean Charest asked for help from the Canadian Forces.

About 2,800 people have been forced from their homes, with aerial images showing rows of houses half submerged along the Richelieu River.

The flooding has affected 3,000 homes and one third of those residences have been evacuated.

A subdued Charest toured the flooded areas Thursday. He said the government would compensate people and municipalities for some of the damages. But he warned that the government couldn't pay for everything.

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Winter's fallout

Environment Canada explained that this year's heavy winter snowfall is responsible for the floods.

- **Melted** Snow in the U.S. Adirondacks melted into Lake Champlain — combined with this week's rain, a startling volume of water poured into the Richelieu River.
- **Unique** "This is a really unique phenomenon," said Rene Heroux, an Environment Canada meteorologist.

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▶ Soldiers from the 22nd Regiment, known as the Van Doos, drive their light armoured vehicle through the flooded streets of Saint Blaise, Que., Thursday.

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Brits voting on how to vote

While first-past-the-post electoral system has parliament in knots, poll suggests Brits seem less interested

British voters must decide whether to ditch decades of ballot box tradition, or go Hollywood in parliamentary elections by adopting the same voting method used for the Academy Awards.

The campaign ahead of Thursday's national referendum has elements of a blockbuster: sworn political foes banding together, stormy bust-ups across the cabinet table, rising tensions in the country's most important bromance — the alliance between Prime Minister David Cameron and his deputy Nick Clegg.

The issue has split the government but didn't appear to excite the public.

Polls ahead of Thursday's referendum indicated that most voters were content to keep the first-past-the-post system, in which the candidate with the most votes in a district wins a seat in the House of Commons.

"(The Alternate Vote is) a miserable little compromise."
NICK CLEGG, DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER

Polls detected less support for a change to the Alternate Vote, where voters mark their ballots in order of preference. If no one wins a majority on the first count, votes of the lowest-ranked candidates would be distributed according to preferences.

The referendum was the condition on which the third-place Liberal Democrats joined a new coalition government last spring led by Conservative Prime Minister David Cameron.
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Background

- **Liberal Democrats have** the most to gain from changing the voting system. In Britain's general election last year they got 23 per cent of the vote but only nine per cent of the 650 seats in the House of Commons.
- **Voters in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland** were also electing members of regional government legislatures, and hundreds of local council seats were at stake around the country.

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▶ U.S. President Barack Obama lays a wreath at Ground Zero on Thursday.

A pilgrimage to Ground Zero

‘We will never forget,’ Obama tells the world, days after the killing of bin Laden in Pakistan

U.S. President Barack Obama on Thursday marked Osama bin Laden’s death where the terrorist inflicted his greatest damage — New York’s Ground Zero.

Obama laid a wreath there and said: “When we say we will never forget, we mean what we say.’’

The president closed his eyes and clasped his hands at the outdoor memorial where the twin towers of the World Trade Center once dominated the Manhattan skyline.

He shook hands with family members of 9-11 victims and others dressed in black at the site where the skyscrapers were brought down by planes commandeered by bin Laden’s followers.

“I just want to thank him, hug him ... and shake his hand. Father to father. Thank you for doing this for me.”
JIM RICHES, WHOSE FIREFIGHTER SON WAS KILLED AT GROUND ZERO

Nearly 3,000 people were killed in the twin attacks on New York and the Pentagon.

The president also visited firefighters and police officers whose response to the terror attacks turned them into heroes.

“This is a symbolic site of the extraordinary sacrifice that was made on that terrible day,’’ Obama said at Engine 54, Ladder 4, Battalion 9.

The New York firehouse lost 15 firefighters on Sept. 11, 2001.

At the First Precinct police station in lower Manhattan, Obama said of those who died in the Sept. 11 attacks, “We keep them in our hearts. We haven’t forgotten.’’

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NEW DETAILS

Few shots were fired in raid

Only one of the five people killed in the raid that got Osama bin Laden was armed and fired any shots, a senior U.S. defence official said Thursday.

The official agreed the new account differs greatly from original White House portrayals of a chaotic, intense and prolonged firefight.

The sole shooter in the al-Qaida leader’s Pakistani compound was quickly killed in the early minutes of the commando operation, the official said.

The Navy SEALs assault team then swept through the house and shot the others.

After the SEALs’ debriefing, he said, the raid should be described as a precision, floor-by-floor operation.

As the SEALs moved into bin Laden’s compound, they were fired on by bin Laden’s courier, Abu Ahmed al-Kuwaiti, who was killed.

The Americans were never fired on again.

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Gadhafi's nurse seeks asylum

Moammar Gadhafi's Ukrainian nurse is in Norway and has applied for political asylum, the country's security police say.

Halyna Kolotnytska left Libya in February due to the unrest and returned to Ukraine, where she stayed with her daughter and mother in a modest apartment near Kyiv. It is not known if her family went with her to Norway.

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▶Halyna Kolotnytska

Rebels to receive new funds

$3B The rebels say they need up to $3 billion for military salaries, food, medicine and other basic supplies.

New money pipelines are opening up to help Libyan rebels determined to topple Moammar Gadhafi, with the U.S. saying it will move to free up part of the $30 billion it has frozen in Libyan assets and a score of nations pledging Thursday to start a new fund to supply civilians with food, medicine and even paycheques. Twenty-two nations have already pledged $250 million in humanitarian aid. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Grim task of burying dead left to volunteers

- Misrata's streets covered in bodies as Gadhafi troops pull out
- Group says even the tyrant's soldiers deserve proper burial

Flies flickered through flashlight beams and a foul odour filled the air as the men tromped down the stairs to a basement. Their rubber boots splashed in ankle-deep putrid water as they scanned the darkness for the bodies they'd come to retrieve.

The men are all volunteers for the particularly morbid task of combing Misrata's war-shattered streets for the unburied dead from two months of urban combat.

The group has found well over 100 bodies, including 44 charred corpses in one house, said Dr. Faraj Ahmed, a veterinarian.

"When Gadhafi's forces pulled out ... they had left lots of bodies — 10 here, 25 there — and the dogs and the cats were eating them."

BASHIR IBRAHIM, VOLUNTEER

The group's members are not trained to deal with the dead, and no one asked them to do it.

Instead, the labourers, businessmen and university students organized themselves, driven by the desire to prevent disease and follow the Islamic obligation to respect the dead.

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Migrants. Evacuated

▶ A migrant carries a suitcase after arriving at the port in Benghazi from the besieged city of Misrata, Libya Thursday.

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Ships take workers

Thousands of migrant workers who were stranded in Misrata when the anti-Gadhafi uprising broke out were gradually evacuated on aid ships. Those left behind are living in a squalid tent camp near the port.

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▶ A 30-tonne building, formerly St. Matthew's Anglican Church, arrives in Newport Landing, N.S., after being floated across the Bay of Fundy on Thursday.

Church spared wrecking ball

Town could not afford to keep 170-year-old church
Purchased by local business to house wine shop

Cheers and applause rose up over the rain-soaked shores of a Nova Scotia river Thursday as a ferry steamed into port carrying an exalted piece of cargo.

About 300 people crowded around the wharf in Newport Landing while the boat slowly inched toward shore, laden with a 170-year-old church spared from the wrecking ball and destined for a new home inland.

Stewart Creaser organized the unusual journey after buying the Anglican church more than a year ago to house his vineyard's wine shop in Avondale in the Annapolis Valley.

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He travelled up the Avon with the church after it was loaded on board Wednesday in nearby Walton, where it was purchased for $1.67 in 1837.

Creaser has said he's thrilled to be able to save the prim, light-blue building because of its unique construction features that should be treasured, but would otherwise have been lost.

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FUROR OVER NEW MP

'Everybody's a rookie at one point'

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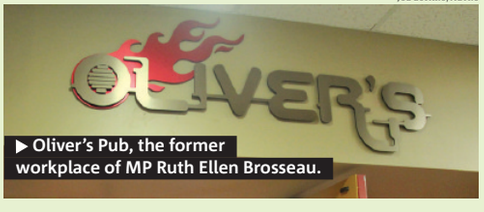

▶ Oliver's Pub, the former workplace of MP Ruth Ellen Brosseau.

Ever since she was elected as MP for Berthier-Maskinongé in Quebec, 27-year-old Ruth Ellen Brosseau has been criticized for lack of experience, not speaking French and living la vida Vegas during the federal election campaign.

But colleague Rod Castro thinks she's ready for the major career change.

Brosseau is the assistant manager of Oliver's Pub at Carleton University.

"I'm very, very proud of her," said Castro, the pub's manager. He added: "It's a big loss for us."

The NDP MP wiped out her opponents by a 5,000-point margin. But she was slammed for taking a vacation in Las Vegas.

But Castro, who is waiting to hear from her since the election, said: "I think that, without a doubt, she'll do a wonderful job.

"Everybody's a rookie at one point, you know."

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Cost cuts will drive new low-cost carrier

But Air Canada could face headwinds with labour disputes

Air Canada will introduce a discount carrier only if it can sustainably reduce labour and other costs, CEO Calin Rovinescu said Thursday.

"We will not do it unless it has the ability to remain truly low cost over the long term. It needs to be able to avoid the type of cost creep that has plagued legacy carriers over the years," he said after the annual shareholders' meeting in Montreal.

Canada's largest airline failed in its attempt to introduce low-cost carriers a decade ago. The proposed model would ramp up to 50 aircraft and create nearly 2,000 jobs.

Rovinescu said the new carrier can work by creating a different cost structure to profitably operate in holiday markets and European destinations.

Approval from Air Canada's unions is crucial. The airline has begun negotiations with its labour groups and is hopeful that new agreements can be reached without disputes. A ratification vote by pilots gets underway on Monday.

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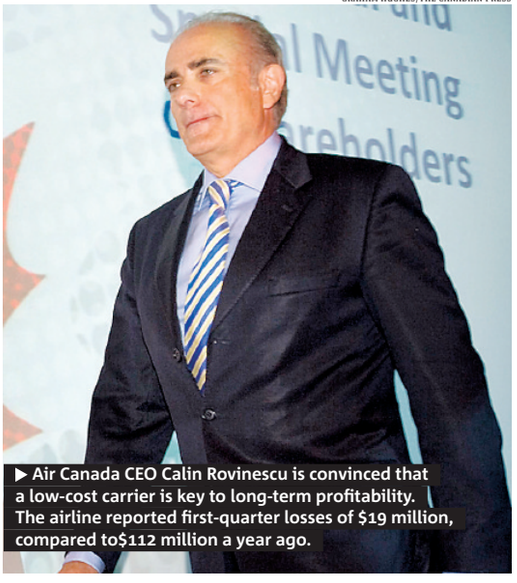

▶ Air Canada CEO Calin Rovinescu is convinced that a low-cost carrier is key to long-term profitability. The airline reported first-quarter losses of $19 million, compared to$112 million a year ago.

Go local, CRTC tells carriers

Canada's telecommunications regulator has tweaked the rules for satellite carriers in a move that will force both Bell TV and Shaw Direct to carry more local TV stations.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission says telecom companies must carry all stations that are part of the Local Programming Improvement Fund, which was established in 2009 to support small- and mid-sized local stations.

The changes, which will take effect on Sept. 1, will ensure that Canadian subscribers to both Bell and Shaw Direct's satellite services receive the local affiliate station of each of the national television networks.

The move comes after the CRTC established the $100-million local programming fund to help broadcasters. The plan was funded by the cable and satellite corporations, which promptly passed the fee on directly to consumers, who complained in the tens of thousands.

Canada's public broadcaster praised the CRTC's commitment to local programming.

"Local stations provide a fundamental public service to their communities," said Steven Guiton, chief regulatory officer of CBC/Radio-Canada.

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A DIME A DOZEN?

Welcome to Club Millionaire

The assets of wealthy Canadians will reach $6.77 trillion by 2020, a new study predicts, adding there will be a lot more millionaires over the coming decade.

The study by the Deloitte Center for Financial Services says the number of millionaires in Canada will surge to more than 2.4 million, up by more than 32 per cent from the current 1.7 million. The rise is partly due to the strong economy, particularly in the resource sector.

Globally, wealth among millionaire households could more than double over the next decade in 25 major economies, growing from $92 trillion this year to $202 trillion in 2020.

Developed nations are expected to remain the centres of global wealth, with 43 per cent held by millionaires in the United States.

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'Cheap Viagra' case heading to top court

A Canadian drug company challenging the Viagra patent held by pharmaceutical giant Pfizer will have its case heard by the Supreme Court. Teva Canada was granted the leave to appeal after the Federal Court rejected its request to introduce a generic version of the erectile dysfunction drug. Pfizer's patent on the drug expires in 2014.

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FRESH FACES SEAL PLACES IN POLITICS

THE METRO LIST

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This was the mother of all news weeks.

1 Kindergarten Kaukus: Among Jack Layton's newly elected MPs: 19-year-old Pierre-Luc Dusseault, the youngest MP in the history of the nation, who would not have been old enough to vote before 1970. He is joined in the House by Ruth Ellen Brosseau, 27, elected in a francophone riding even though she doesn't speak much French and spent a good part of the campaign in Vegas, baby. Thus begins the shortest political honeymoon ever.

2 Osama pictures: OK, is this guy really dead or what? Doubting Thomases of the world unite! Show us the pictures! This is probably just a stunt by that other Arab, Obama what's-his-name, to distract us from the real scandal: He was obviously born in Africa or is an alien or something.

"... it's time for PETA to round up a bunch of celebrities to bitch about the seal hunt. This year it's Iggy Pop ..."

3 Royal wedding: Kate and William cost the U.K. five billion to 10 billion pounds in lost productivity because of all those bewitched Brits. Of course, the $3.3 billion in royal chachkas almost made it a wash. If you're already sick of the whole thing, hold onto your stomach as the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge are going to Hollywood after they finish the tour of the provinces this summer. Can't wait.

4 The Naughty Bishop: Canada's creepiest cleric, his former eminence Raymond Lahey, confessed to a fatal attraction for young males, even though his church is opposed to homosexuality, pederasty, and various other mortal sins of that ilk. Lahey is so overcome by Catholic guilt he's eager to go to jail even before formal sentencing. Whatever his maxima culpa, you can bet he won't be declared a saint like John Paul II right after he dies. Or ever, for that matter.

5 The seal hunt: Along with the darling buds of May, it's that time of year when Newfoundlanders go out on the ice to prove their manhood by clubbing cute cuddly seals to death. And, just as inevitably, it's time for PETA to round up a bunch of celebrities to bitch about the seal hunt. This year it's Iggy Pop, who just looks as if he's been clubbed to death, and Ke$ha (seals are, like, our friends) who are featured on posters that say: Canada's Club Scene Sucks!

Honourable mentions:

6 50th anniversary of the Freedom Riders: A little token dignity in a sea of nonsense.

7 Michael Ignatieff: It was all just a dream Zsuszanna. There's no place like Harvard.

8 Gilles Duceppe: Bloc Québécois leader will collect a pension of $140,765 from the Canadian people for the rest of his life. Merde.

9 Why are we in Libya?

10 Bieber watch: Australian teen arrested for throwing eggs at Justin Bieber. Because he missed?

metro life panel

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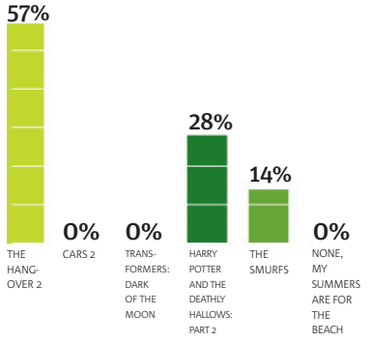
What summer movies are you most looking forward to?



Local tweets

- **@ShaneSimpsonMLA:** Liberals don't check the appropriateness of taxpayer money being spent to promote C Clark announcements in point grey. Shades of Fraserview.
- **@Kittehstuffs:** Just ate at Cafe Luxy on Davie street. It's a lovely italian place with fantastic food and great service. If you're in #Vancouver check it out!
- **@Da_Show_Stopper:** Is that Willie Mitchell singing the Anthems? LMFAO #Canucks #ShredDaPreds #Vancouver
- **@kegtalk:** Let's play find the green men in the sea of yellow #Nashville #Vancouver
- **@hthrwritesstuff:** Bought my dream bag from @CharlieAndLee. Having boutiques in my building is trouble. Check 'em out #YVR — gorgeous stuff here in Chinatown!
- **@zazvorka:** Loved the drunk guy passed out in the aisle on the bus to work today #fb #yvr #eastvan
- **@jordanlilli:** Just had a great run in my old neighbourhood! New scenery was refreshing! #Vancouver #yvr

Worth mentioning

TORONTO. A research team at Queen's University has entered the race to slim down tablets and smartphones with a plastic, flexible prototype that's just about paper thin.

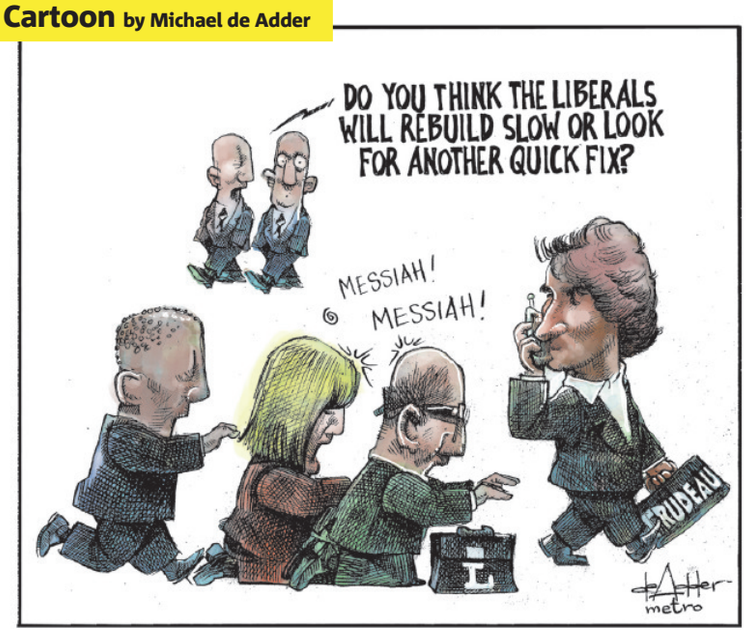
The school's Human Media Lab has unveiled a type of e-paper technology nicknamed the PaperPhone, which is described as a bendable iPhone.

The device measures 9.5 centimetres diagonally and its electronics are housed in a thin, flexible film that can be rolled up. It has a greyscale E Ink screen and has a few applications that can make phone calls, play music, read e-books and maps.

Rather than using buttons or touchscreen controls, the plastic device responds to different bends. Commands are triggered by bending the corners of the device, or rolling the right edge backward or forward.

While creator Roel Vertegaal admits the technology would likely need at least five to 10 years to go mass market in a sophisticated way, he boldly claims the research team is onto a game-changing technology. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Cartoon by Michael de Adder



WEIRD NEWS

Wonder what his wandering will accomplish

A social media enthusiast has won the title of "Saskatchewanderer," a post with the provincial government that his bosses dubbed "the best summer job ever."

Andrew Konoff, 21, will be paid to spend the summer travelling and blogging, tweeting, Facebooking and YouTubing about everything that makes Saskatchewan special.

The tourism department came up with the idea to hold a competition to hire a post-secondary student for the job by posting short videos by the applicants online and then letting the public cast their votes.

The University of Regina student, event planner and stage actor started out with a clever video describing his passion for travel and his previous adventures on the Mongol Rally, a car race from England to Mongolia.

He boasted of his love for Saskatchewan, "which includes my love of the Riders and crappy roads."

Tourism Minister Bill Hutchinson said Konoff has already created a buzz about the job and he believes the people of Saskatchewan will find his work interesting and informative. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Plot synopsis

- Based on the Marvel comic book, the action in Thor really begins with our hero about to be named king by his father (Anthony Hopkins). Seconds before daddy says the words, "You are king," Frost Giants from an enemy realm interrupt the ceremony. Furious that his big day has been marred, Thor (Chris Hemsworth) disobeys his father and skips realms to confront the invaders. His punishment for his reckless, arrogant behaviour is banishment to Earth and the arms of meteorologist Jane Foster (Natalie Portman).
- **Ratings:**
  Richard: ⊕⊕⊕
  Mark: ⊕⊕⊕

▶ Chris Hemsworth and Natalie Portman star in Thor.

Thor brings the fun

▶ Richard Crouse and Mark Breslin debate the merits of Thor ▶ It's cheesy fun and the humour shines through, even if the love story falls a little flat

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE & MARK BRESLIN
SCENE@METRONEWS.CA

Richard Crouse: Mark, it's hammer time! Thor, the ball peen superhero, is big, loud cheesy fun. It feels a bit like an amuse bouche to the all-superhero-all-the-time Avengers movie coming next year, but as an origin movie it gets the job done. Unlike its star, the incredibly buff Chris Hemsworth, the movie is a bit soft in the middle. It starts off well, slows to a crawl midway, but as soon as Thor Gets His Groove back … er … Gets His Hammer Back, the movie gets back on track. What did you think?

Mark Breslin: Well, it did feel long to me. In fact, my ath ith thtill a bit thor. But I liked the way it moved back and forth between the worlds of Earth and Thor's home planet. It almost felt like two different movies were going on, but just almost. At first I couldn't believe that Kenneth Branagh would direct a comic book movie, but the film does have a Shakespearean feel at times. What say you, Richard?

RC: It's a greatest hits of Willy's themes — love, deception, death and daddy issues, and Anthony Hopkins classes up the joint a little bit, although the way he chews the scenery it's like he hasn't eaten in a month but I wish it didn't sag in the middle. The Natalie Portman love story is the weakest thing about the movie.

MB: And Portman is the weakest link in the film, period. But what about the lead, Chris Hemsworth? I thought he was very good in a ludicrous role, and the twinkle in his eye and swagger in his step really made the part bearable, as did his spectacular pecs.

RC: Couldn't agree more about Portman. She's miscast. Kat Dennings, in a throwaway role that she turns into a charismatic supporting part, would have been a better and more interesting lead. As for Hemsworth, initially I didn't know if he was going to cut it with his oh-so-serious line delivery, but later, his realization that as "the Mighty Thor" has lost some of his powers is fun. The movie is actually a lot funnier than I thought it would be.

MB: Intentionally funny, I might add, which is unusual for this kind of movie. I liked the visuals on Planet Whatever. They were rich and deep, which is more than I can say for the now-mandatory 3-D, which I found tepid. But not the noise level! Talk about Hammer time! I'm just getting my hearing back now.

2 scene

Gaga contest

Congratulations to Lyle Reimer, our Canadian finalist in Metro's global Lady Gaga editorial assistant contest.

Lyle, who lives in Richmond, B.C., with partner Raymond Boutet, wowed us with his strength, courage and wonderful sense of self — not to mention fabulous sense of humour.

Be sure to pick up Metro May 17 — remember, Lady Gaga is our international Guest Editor — to read Lyle's winning entry and find out who was named Gaga's assistant for a day.

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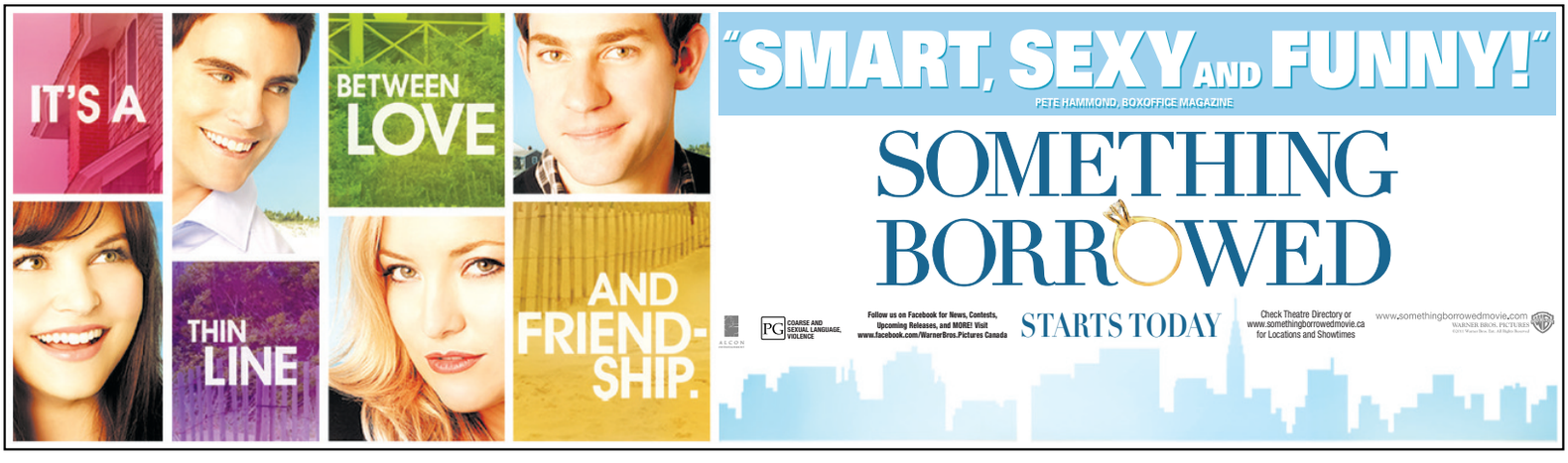

Feig mines optimism for laughs

Bridesmaids director got to work with the funniest females around Hopes movie opens doors for women

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▶ Bridesmaids stars, from left, Melissa McCarthy, Ellie Kemper, Rose Byrne, Wendi McLendon-Covey, Maya Rudolph and Kristen Wiig. It opens in theatres next Friday.

Paul Feig is probably best described as a master of cringe comedy. As the co-creator of the beloved high school humiliation comedy Freaks And Geeks as well as the director of TV shows like The Office and films like the upcoming Bridesmaids, Feig has displayed a knack for mining laughs out of awkward behaviour.

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When asked why he has such an affinity for this style of comedy, Feig told Metro, "I'm an eternal optimist and when you're an optimist you're always opening yourself up for humiliation and failure because it's very seldom that things turn out better than you expect. It's inevitably worse and I always found that funny and relatable."

Feig's latest directorial outing Bridesmaids (opening next week) fits comfortably into this mould. The film stars Saturday Night Live veteran Kristen Wiig — who also co-wrote the movie — as a struggling woman with a failed business, a mountain of debt, and a stunted love life who finds herself going through a series of embarrassing misadventures while helping a lifelong friend prepare for her wedding. It's a situation designed to provoke fits of laughter through nauseating discomfort and also fulfilled Feig's longstanding desire to create strong comedic roles for women.

"I've always had this sick feeling in my stomach over women getting such crappy roles, especially in comedies where they always tend to become shrewish," explained the director. "To this day, so many talented people I know in this business are women who are hilarious but can't get that big break because the roles just aren't there.

"I thought it would be nice to change the tide with this movie a little bit. But that also brought a lot of pressure on me because it's like, 'Oh God, if I screw this up or it doesn't do well, it's going to make it even harder for women to get their own projects.'"

Based on laugh count alone the director definitely succeeded and now we'll see if audiences will be willing to open their hearts and wallets to see his cast of lovely ladies behaving badly.

Movie reviews

See it twice ●●●●● | See it now ●●●● | Worth watching ●●● | Yawn ●● | Don't bother ●

Something Borrowed
Genre: Romantic Comedy
Director: Luke Greenfield
Stars: Kate Hudson, Ginnifer Goodwin, Colin Egglesfield
●●
This somewhat aggravating romance wades through murky waters of love triangles, deceit, betrayal and ill will. It's impossible to buy Kate Hudson's Darcy, a motor-mouthed shrew as the intended bride of a reserved Dex (Egglesfield), who is really in love with Rachel (Goodwin). There are a few laughs despite everyone's failure to see what's in front of them.
ANNE BRODIE

Even The Rain
Genre: Drama
Director: Icíar Bollaín
Stars: Gael García Bernal, Luis Tosar and Juan Carlos Aduviri
●●●½
For most Canadians, fresh water is a given. Not so in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Even the Rain juxtaposes the real-life conflict in 2000 about the privatization of the city's water supply with the filming a movie about Christopher Columbus' arrival in the New World. Director Icíar Bollaín crafts a powerful film and draws out great performances.
MATTHEW ROMANADA

Pom Wonderful Presents The Greatest Movie Ever Sold
Genre: Documentary
Director: Morgan Spurlock
●●●
Super Size Me director Morgan Spurlock returns with another comedy/documentary, this time exploring the world of movie marketing and product placement. The clever twist that elevates the film is that Spurlock actually funded the movie through corporate sponsors and it gradually becomes the very sort of ad (subliminal and otherwise) filled film that Spurlock starts out critiquing.
PHIL BROWN

The Bang Bang Club
Genre: Drama
Director: Steven Silver
Stars: Ryan Phillippe, Malin Ackerman and Taylor Kitsch
●●●½
The Bang Bang Club was a name given to four international news photographers who covered South Africa in the waning days of white rule in the early '90s. They shot pictures that opened the world's eyes. This is a well made film about four heroic men in a world gone crazy, none of whom were actually invincible.
ANNE BRODIE

The Conspirator
Genre: Historical drama
Director: Robert Redford
Stars: James McAvoy, Robin Wright, Kevin Kline
●●●½
This widely unknown story of an accused female co-conspirator in the assassination of Abraham Lincoln sets the stage for meaty revelations about the Civil War era judicial system. Robin Wright makes every gesture count in her moving portrayal of Mary Surratt in whose boarding house John Wilkes Booth and her son hatched their dastardly plot.
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Thor 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7:30-9:55
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Hoodwinked Too! Hood vs. Evil (G) Fri 6:30-9:15 Sat-Sun 1:25-3:35-6:30-9:15 Mon-Thu 6:30-9:15
Limitless (PG) Fri 6:35-9:40 Sat 1:45-4:10-6:35-9:40 Sun 4:10-6:35-9:40 Mon-Thu 6:35-9:40
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Arthur (PG) Fri-Thu 4:45
Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (G) Fri 4:45 Sat-Sun 12:45-2:45-4:45 Mon-Thu 4:45
Hop (G) Fri 4:45-6:45 Sat-Sun 12:45-2:45-4:45-6:45 Mon-Thu 4:45-6:45
Limitless (PG) Fri-Thu 6:50-8:50
Paul (14A) Fri-Thu 8:45
Rango (PG) Sat 2:45 Sun 12:45-2:45
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STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
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15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

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Born to Be Wild 3D (G) Fri-Sun 11:45
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Water for Elephants (PG) Fri-Sun 12:30-3:50-7:15-10:05 Mon-Thu 3:50-7:15-10:05
Your Highness (14A) Fri-Wed 7:35-10:25 Thu 10:25

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Fast Five (14A) Fri-Sat 10:45 Sun-Thu 11:15
Hop (G) Fri-Thu 9

Rockin' a tuxedo every day

After touring with the likes of Winehouse and Prince, Janelle Monae hits the road again with Bruno Mars

Like most artists, Janelle Monae prepares for a live show with a list she follows, including exercising and vocal warm-ups.

Unlike most artists, Monae says her list also includes the routine of putting her hair in dirt, washing and conditioning it — and repeating the cycle. She also says that she eats "Asian cuisine with the bus driver."

It's hard to tell if she is joking, but if you know of Monae — or her music — it wouldn't be that surprising. The singer is not your typical artist: She's always seen in a tuxedo and rocks a pompadour. Her music is a blend of alternative, R&B and funk sounds and some of her songs are inspired by things like Muhammad Ali's fists, Walt Disney and Star Wars.

The singer's first full-length CD, the melodramatic 18-track epic The ArchAndroid, follows a female android who discovers she is the chosen one and is trying to adapt to her new superpowers. The disc earned her two Grammy nominations and was a critical success. The Associated Press named it the No. 1 album of 2010.

Since its release, Monae has toured with Prince and Amy Winehouse. She'll open for Katy Perry in September and her co-headlining tour with rising star Bruno Mars kicks off Wednesday in New York.

The 25-year-old Monae says because of her musical style, she's able to go on the road with, pretty much, any musician.

"I can go anywhere that I want," Monae told the AP in a phone interview last week. "I could hang with (Vogue magazine editor-at-large) Andre Leon Talley, Karl Lagerfeld ... Big Boi (of OutKast), do shows with Prince, Stevie Wonder. I mean that's pretty much my life. I'm not boxed in to any one thing."

The performer said she spent 80 per cent of the last year on tour, but insists she's found some downtime to record new music.

"I'm very inspired right now," she said. "This (new) album will definitely change lives."

Monae and Mars are labelmates. They performed a medley together at this year's Grammy Awards, along with rapper B.o.B.

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▶ Singer Janelle Monae performs at the 53rd annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

Monae says she's excited to share her music with Mars' fans, and says they can expect surprises and more onstage. "Our shows are very high energy and you don't see that a lot," she said. "I would love to see it more — you know when you have the artist crowd surfing and giving their all. And there are a lot of great shows out, but what we're doing is not being done."

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▶ Anvil

Whilst listening to the BBC in the winter of 2009, a movie reviewer said, "The Story of Anvil is very good, but I couldn't tell if I was being put on. Is this a real band or is it some kind of Spinal Tap joke?"

I immediately sent an email. "They're real. Trust me." A few minutes later, the reviewer returned. "I've just received an email from a chap in Canada who assures us that Anvil and their story are very real. Okay, if you say so."

Since then, guitarist/singer Steve "Lips" Kudlow, drummer Robb Reiner — in their 50s — and bass player Glenn Five (the baby) have barely had time to breathe. Gigs opening for AC/DC; the Tonight Show; a cameo in The Green Hornet; shows from South America to Japan; a book based on the movie with a foreward by Slash. And along the way, a few surreal moments.

"When (the documentary) won at the Independent Spirit Awards, I saw Paul McCartney across the room," Lips says, "and I thought 'This is my chance! I'm going to meet a Beatle!' But then Quentin Tarantino blocked me. 'You got ripped off at the Oscars! YOU should have won (for best documentary)! But they gave it to a dolphin movie! A DOLPHIN MOVIE!'"

The Foo Fighters' Dave Grohl is a fan. "He pulled up in a limo and got out with a guitar case and I thought 'Great! He's going to want to jam with us!' But then he said 'This guitar is for you because I'm such a big fan.'"

Grohl invited Anvil to make their next album at his private 606 Studios. All of Reiner's drum tracks from their new album, Juggernaut of Justice, (out Tuesday) were recorded there.

If you're into Anvil and their kind of metal, I can honestly say that this album is the best thing they've done since the early '80s.

Lips looks at me with a mixture of awe and wonder. "Our 15 minutes," he says, "has now gone to two hours."

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▶ Cheryl Cole

Cole joins Cowell with a gavel

The Fox network says British pop superstar Cheryl Cole will be seated at the judge's panel for The X Factor.

Cole will join Grammy-winning music producer Antonio "L.A." Reid and Simon Cowell on the much-anticipated singing contest debuting this fall on Fox, the network announced Thursday.

The series is based on Cowell's hit British show, where Cole has been a judge in the past.

Previously, Paula Abdul, who teamed with Cowell on Fox's American Idol, has been mentioned as a possible fourth X Factor judge.

The X Factor is open to solo singers and vocal groups age 12 and up, with auditions currently under way. The winner gets a $5 million record contract.

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A not-so-Desperate TV partnership

But Desperate Housewives stars say their characters' relationship is mirrored off-screen

Marriage can be a hard job. This Tom and Lynette Scavo have reminded us for seven years as husband and wife on Desperate Housewives.

On the other hand, marriage can be a great gig.

That's what it's been for Doug Savant and Felicity Huffman, who are wed in holy matrimony as the Scavos on the ABC hit.

"It's a good marriage," states Huffman. "It's got its ups and downs, but it keeps moving forward."

"It is by no means perfect," says Savant.

"But I like what it represents on television. I like what it represents in America."

America — or a large chunk of its TV audience, anyway — has embraced the Scavo marriage since Desperate Housewives premiered in fall 2004.

Lynette and Tom stood out among their wacky neighbours on Wisteria Lane, TV's go-to address for sexy suburban angst.

She was the former ad exec and frustrated stay-at-home mom, the most grounded member of the core sisterhood played also by Marcia Cross, Teri Hatcher and Eva Longoria. He was the laid-back, often perfunctory breadwinner.

Their marriage has weathered many challenges in this melange of melodrama, whodunit and dark comedy.

Now, as Housewives (airing Sunday at 9 p.m. EDT) builds to its season finale on May 15, Tom has bloomed into a big-shot businessman who thinks Lynette is threatened by his success.

"That's a new thing, and I find that as we act these scenes, it informs our off-screen time.

Suddenly, we are a little at odds with each other, a little short with each other, in a way we didn't used to be. You're meaner," she says to Savant and chuckles.

Can this marriage be saved?

Savant laughs too.

"We've lived together at work for seven years," he explains as the pair shares lunch recently with a reporter, "so there's an ease and a comfort and a familiarity."

"We don't socialize away from the set at all," Huffman says.

"But we have developed a connection that is loving and deep and continues to grow with each episode.

"If something new isn't demanded in a scene, Doug and I will turn to each other and go, 'How is this episode different, how is the relationship moving forward?'

And we'll find something fresh to bring to it. I feel like I have to do background work so I can endorse it as a real-life wife."

"I'm much lazier than Felicity," Savant cuts in. "She asks the questions. But together we answer them."

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▶ Doug Savant and Felicity Huffman

TV picks

Returning to her roots

COMEDY. Tina Fey is back on the show that made her famous. She hosts Saturday Night Live this week, the third time she's had the honour. The musical guest is U.K. singer-songwriter Ellie Goulding. (Saturday, Global)

The original Blues Brothers

MUSIC DOC. Dan Aykroyd narrates a documentary about the Toronto-formed Downchild Blues Band, who he credits with inspiring the Blues Brothers. Flip, Flop, and Fly, 40 Years of the Downchild Blues Band covers the history of the Juno Award-winning band. (Friday, HBO Canada)

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▶ Oprah Winfrey

Who will help Oprah say goodbye?

Tom Cruise, Jennifer Aniston, John Travolta?
154,000 fans ask for tickets to the last episode

Oprah Winfrey has given the world 25 years of poets and politicians, A-list actors and musicians, and talk show topics that defined and reflected American culture.

As The Oprah Winfrey Show ends, with 16 episodes left as of May 4, her millions of fans around the globe are waiting to see how she will close out a show that engineered a media empire.

The show is dubbed Surprise Oprah! A Farewell Spectacular. Winfrey hates surprises, producers say, but she has agreed to this event.

But for fans, questions remain. Who will be at the United Center that Tuesday night? Who will be beamed in by satellite or deliver a taped farewell message?

Winfrey has a stable of celebrity friends who have appeared repeatedly on her talk show. John Travolta. Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes. Jennifer Aniston. Chris Rock.

It has the makings for a major cultural event, said Bill Carroll, expert on the daytime television market for Katz Television in New York. "It's going to be the top-of-the-top of anybody who is available to go to Chicago on that day," Carroll said.

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Emmy deal worth $66M

The Emmy Awards and the four major TV networks agreed to an eight-year, $66 million deal that allows for changes in the ceremony, marking its 63rd year in September.

After protracted negotiations, the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences' board of governors approved the deal Wednesday night with ABC, CBS, Fox and NBC.

Reality kingpin Mark Burnett, whose credits include Survivor, Celebrity Apprentice and newcomer The Voice, will produce the ceremony airing Sept. 18, according to an academy-network statement.

"We are excited about the continued collaboration with our broadcast partners, and look forward to working with Fox and, for the first time, with Mark Burnett on this year's telecast," said John Shaffner, academy chairman and CEO.

The broadcasters will continue airing the awards in a "wheel rotation," with Fox kicking off the new cycle.

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Talking points

This book is not for Bullock

EX-HUSBAND. Friends of Sandra Bullock say the Oscar-winning actress won't be reading ex-husband Jesse James' new tell-all book, American Outlaw, according to Popeater.

"He has got nerve going on TV and moaning that he has spent the last five years worrying only about Sandra when we all know the only person Jesse ever thinks about is himself," the source says.

"He's learned nothing. He says that he has forgiven himself and moved on, but obviously doesn't give a damn about others forgiving him. If he did he wouldn't be reliving this ugly time again to sell a book." METRO

Rough patch for Leo and Bar

KIYOSHI OTA/GETTY IMAGES

▶ Leonardo DiCaprio

Rumours abound about possible breakup

Leonardo DiCaprio and Bar Refaeli's separate social lives are once again fueling breakup rumours.

According to Page Six, the couple is "going through a difficult patch," but are committed to working through their problems.

Earlier this week, DiCaprio chose to hang out with friends at the Standard hotel in New York in lieu of accompanying Refaeli to the Met Costume Institute gala. METRO

Celebrity tweets

@kathygriffin

Had therapy today, which is weird 'cause everybody ELSE is crazy. Um, er, right u guys??? Don't leave a sista hangin

@IMKristenBell

if u cannot manage to get the paper napkin in the garbage can, u do not deserve to use the indoor restroom.

@rustyrockets

I just broke my Royal Wedding mug, is this an omen? (I broke it by throwing it out the window)

@ConanOBrien

I had the most normal dream last night. It was just me waiting in line at the bank for a reasonable amount of time.

No wedding stress for Bell

Just because Kristen Bell and Dax Shepard are engaged doesn't mean they're busying themselves with planning the big day.

"We're just not having a wedding," she tells Us Weekly. "I mean, we're still getting married, but we're going to do it whenever we feel like it." In fact, Bell is still busy celebrating their February 2010 engagement. "The fact that he asked me to marry him is of a little more importance than me planning a party," she says. METRO

Mother's Day brunch

Surprise mom with breakfast in bed • Pumpkin French Toast is easy for the kids to make • Pumpkin adds sweetness and boosts nutritional value

Of course, the carefully handprinted (and adorably misspelled) card made by our children is the thing that every mother cherishes from Mother's Day. Flowers are thoughtful and so is brunch at a nice restaurant. But you know what we really want, don't you? That's right: sleep.

As unsexy as it sounds (although maybe if we weren't so tired we might want that a little more, too), sleep is the real and reliable way to a mother's heart. And while we're sleeping, why don't you and the kids make something nice?

Pumpkin French Toast

This Pumpkin French Toast is an elegant and nutritious twist on the classic. Pumpkin adds a nice sweetness, while at the same time boosting the nutritional value.

It's easy enough for small kids to help with or older kids to run with on their own. Plus, tinned puréed pumpkin can be found in stores all year round. Honestly, the predictable let's-go-out days like Valentine's Day or Mother's Day are better avoided. Restaurants are over-crowded and the service is harried. So much more relaxing to have a nice brunch at home. Or better yet, why not breakfast in bed? Because we'll be sleeping, remember?

Ingredients:

- 4 pieces of multigrain, spelt or another ancient grain bread
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) butter
- 1/4 cup (50 ml) pumpkin puree
- 4 eggs
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) 1% milk
- 1 tsp (5 ml) agave nectar
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) ground cinnamon
- Pinch ground nutmeg

Preparation:

1. Cut bread into four small squares; set aside.
2. In skillet melt 1 tbsp (15 mL) of the butter over medium heat.
3. In bowl, whisk together pumpkin puree, eggs, milk and agave. Whisk in cinnamon and nutmeg. Sink each piece of bread in the egg mixture, making sure to coat both sides well.
4. Add egg-soaked bread piece by piece into warm skillet. Cook for 3 minutes and then flip. Cook another 2 minutes or until golden. Add remaining butter to the pan and cook remaining pieces of bread. Stack and serve warm with agave. Makes 4 servings.

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MAYA VISNYEI

▶ Pumpkin French Toast

Try a Mimosa or Kir Royale with brunch

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Since Mother's Day is this weekend, I bet many of you (especially the guys) will be cracking a few eggs in honour of that special woman in your life.

When it comes to liquids, brunch is like the mid-day equivalent of a big holiday meal: You've got all kinds of different flavours trying to make nice on one plate.

Off-dry white wines, light, fruitier red wines, dry rosés and, of course, sparkling wines are all great fallback bottles.

My mom loves a champagne flute of Mimosa. If mixology isn't your thing, the 50/50 blend of orange juice and dry bubbly (pick an inexpensive Spanish Cava) is impossible to flub.

Or try a Kir Royale. Originating in the French Burgundian town of Dijon, it's made by adding a teaspoon of crème de cassis — the region's famous blackcurrant liqueur — to a glass of bubbles.

While a variety of cassis brands are carried across the country, Védrenne's Supercassis ($20.25) is a benchmark for the style.

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Healthy lunches

- Sandwiches: Say goodbye to bologna on white bread. Try nutritious breads and fixings.
- Salads: Choose dark, leafy greens like spinach, romaine lettuce or a mesclun mix.
- Pasta: Use noodles made from different whole grains like whole wheat, buckwheat or brown rice.

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Chicken and beer in one dish — why not?

This recipe for stout-braised chicken thighs, combines two techniques: flash browning and a quick, low-heat braise. By switching around the sauce ingredients you can turn this method of cooking thighs into an endless variety of dishes.

Preparation:

1. In a shallow dish, combine 50 ml of flour with 2 ml each of salt and pepper. Dredge chicken thighs in flour mixture to coat completely, then set on a plate.
2. In 30-cm (12-inch) non-stick skillet over medium-high, heat olive oil. Add chicken and cook until browned, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Set aside on a clean dish.
3. Add bacon to skillet and cook, stirring often, for 2 minutes. Add onion, carrots and mushrooms and sauté until vegetables begin to brown, about 4 minutes. Sprinkle remaining flour over vegetables and cook for another 2 minutes.
4. Add stout and broth to pan and bring to a boil, using a wooden spoon to scrape up any browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Return thighs to pan, nestling them among vegetables. Reduce heat until liquid is gently simmering, then cover and cook for 15 minutes.
5. Add peas and cook, covered, for 5 minutes. Uncover pan and simmer for 5 minutes. Season to taste. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients:

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) plus 45 ml (3 tbsp) all-purpose flour, divided
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) salt
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) black pepper, plus more to taste
- 625 g (1 1/4 lb) boneless, skinless chicken thighs, trimmed of excess fat
- 10 ml (2 tsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 slice bacon, finely chopped
- 1 yellow onion, diced
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) baby carrots
- 125 g (4 oz) button cremini mushrooms, halved
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) stout, such as Guinness
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) frozen baby peas

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Another chance for Canucks to clinch

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▶ Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo celebrates with Sami Salo and Alexander Edler after Game 4 in Nashville, Tenn.

Vancouver has 3-1 series lead as it heads back to home ice

The Vancouver Canucks have learned the importance of closing out an opponent the first chance they get.

Ryan Kesler broke a tie with a power-play goal at 7:28 of the third period, and the Canucks beat the Nashville Predators 4-2 on Thursday night to take a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference semifinal series.

The Canucks can win the series Saturday night in Game 5 in Vancouver. They needed overtime in the seventh game to oust Chicago in the opening round after blowing a 3-0 series lead.

"Absolutely, that's why we came here," Canucks left-wing Daniel Sedin said. "Every game has been close, but I think we had the upper hand in shots and scoring chances too, so we feel good about ourselves."

Christian Ehrhoff scored a power-play goal and had two assists, Kesler also had two assists, and Alexander Edler had a goal. Henrik Sedin had his first points in the series with two assists and an empty-net goal with 20.6 seconds left.

Joel Ward and Cody Franson each had a goal and an assist for Nashville. The Predators lost consecutive games for the first time this post-season, but coach Barry Trotz isn't conceding.

"We've been on death's doorstep a couple times," Trotz said. "In the Anaheim series, we were there, and we found a way to come back and win ... We've dug ourselves a hole, but we've been in a few holes this year, and this group has been able to do it all year."

If Kesler keeps playing the way he has, the Predators likely will return home to pack up for the off-season.

"Right now he's their best player, bar none," Trotz said.

Kesler has six points in the past two games, and he scored his second straight winner with a power-play goal off a penalty he drew.

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CANUCKS	PREDATORS
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SCOTT RINTOUL'S 4 KEYS TO WINNING GAME 5

MIDDLE MEN

▶ The Canucks have scored a goal in every second period of this series while the Predators are scoreless in the middle stanza. As a result, Vancouver has not trailed heading into the final frame all series.

STAY IN WEBER'S GRILL

▶ Norris favourite Shea Weber is pointless in this series thanks to extra attention from back-checking Canucks. Nashville has won 72 per cent of their games during the season and playoffs when Weber registers a point.

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▶ Vancouver's last two game-winning goals have come on the power play in the third period. The Canucks scored three goals on seven opportunities with the man advantage in Games 3 and 4.

HISTORY LESSON

▶ An opportunity to wrap up a series on home ice, thus avoiding an unnecessary road trip ... sound familiar? The Canucks should be plenty motivated given a recent Game 5 letdown against Chicago in Round 1.

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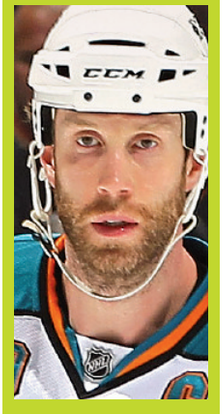

"You don't want them to get any momentum. We're taking the mental attitude that it's a must-win game."

SHARKS CAPTAIN JOE THORNTON ON HIS TEAM'S GAME 4 AGAINST THE RED WINGS ON FRIDAY. SAN JOSE LEADS THE SERIES 3-0 AND IS LOOKING TO COMPLETE THE SWEEP.

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Trio up for Ted Lindsay Award

Anaheim's Corey Perry and Vancouver's Daniel Sedin have been at the heart of the debate over who was the best in the NHL this season and the league's players have added a third name — Tampa Bay's Steven Stamkos.

Perry, Sedin and Stamkos were named finalists Thursday for the 2010-11 Ted Lindsay Award, which is presented annually to the NHL's outstanding player as voted by fellow members of the NHL Player's Association.

On April 28, the league announced Perry, Sedin and Stamkos's teammate Martin St. Louis as finalists for the Hart Trophy, which is given to the player deemed most valuable to his team.

The only guarantee is that there will be a first-time winner of the Lindsay, which was won the last three years by Washington's Alexander Ovechkin.

41 Sidney Crosby, who had 32 goals and 66 points in 41 games, was the favourite for both awards, but his season was lost in early January due to concussion.

Stamkos had 45 goals and 91 points, but his nomination was a surprise after tallying only five goals in his last 28 regular-season games.

Neither Lightning player is expected to win due to exceptional performances put up by Sedin and Perry. It will be interesting to see if the media that vote for the Hart and the players who vote for the Lindsay pick the same winner.

The NHL awards are June 22 in Las Vegas.

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Three-peat hopes fading

After dropping first two games at home, defending champion Lakers face a must-win game in Dallas ◆ No NBA team has ever come back from 0-3

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▶ Tyson Chandler of the Dallas Mavericks dunks the ball in front of Lamar Odom of the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday.

One big man is struggling, the other is spouting off about "trust issues." Their enforcer got carried away at the end of the last game and is suspended from the next one.

Their mental edge is gone, and so is their home-court advantage. They've even lost the approval of one of their greatest icons.

Asked how to get them to snap out of it, their Zen master coach suggested "flogging them." Then he laughed. Hey, Phil Jackson's retiring in a few days or weeks, so he might as well crack wise.

Such melodrama is vintage Hollywood, but usually for the make-believe folks. Or the Clippers. Certainly not the realm of Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers.

Yet early in their second-round series against the Dallas Mavericks, Bryant and the Lakers are in deep trouble, and they know it.

Los Angeles is down 0-2 going into Game 3 Friday night. While three teams in NBA history have won a seven-game series after losing the first two at home, no team has rallied from an 0-3 deficit. That makes the next game pivotal in the Lakers' quest for a third straight championship.

"Desperate, that's a strong word," Bryant said. "I think when you play desperate you don't play your best basketball. What we need to do is relax, focus on what we're doing wrong and the mistakes that we're making. We have plenty to review and lock in on."

Their problems start on defence. Dirk Nowitzki is having his way with the Lakers no matter whether they try covering him with someone big or small. That happens with all teams.

The surprise is that Los Angeles is struggling with everyone else, all the way down to speedy little backup point guard J.J. Barea.

Pau Gasol is playing so poorly on both ends of the court that he was booed in the second half of Game 2, at least until many fans left early or lost interest.

After the game, Andrew Bynum spiced things up by saying "all 13 of our guys have trust issues right now," further describing those problems as "deeply rooted."

Lakers great Magic Johnson says he is disgusted. On Wednesday night, he tweeted, "It's going to be a tough climb to come back and I think their chances are slim."

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SUSPENDED

Artest out for Game 3

Lakers forward Ron Artest has been suspended from Game 3 of Los Angeles' second-round series against the Dallas Mavericks on Friday night.

Artest was punished by the NBA for a forearm shot to the face of Mavericks guard J.J. Barea with 24 seconds left in Game 2 on Wednesday night.

Artest was ejected immediately, and the league said Thursday he also would be assessed a flagrant foul. An accumulation of flagrant foul points could lead to another suspension.

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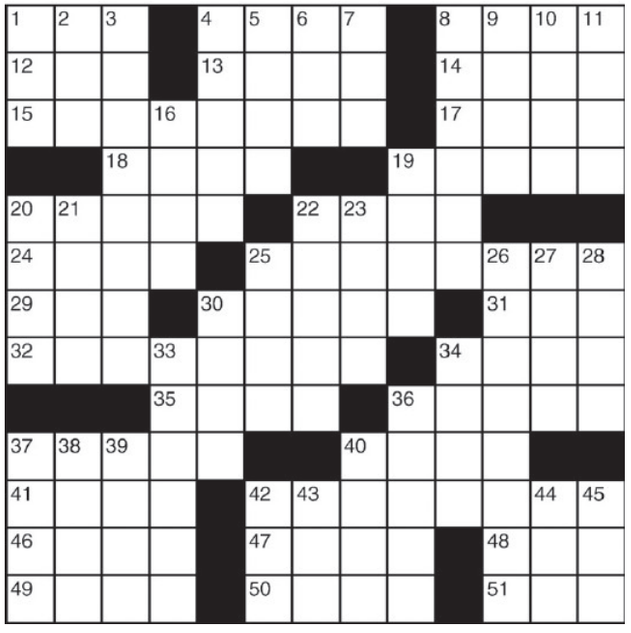

Across

1 — Mahal
4 Parisian pals
8 Choose from a group
12 Fuss
13 Color quality
14 On the briny
15 Old communication method
17 Bit of banter
18 Comestibles
19 Stallion or mare
20 Malaria symptoms
22 Transaction
24 Tranquil
25 Pollen-caused allergy
29 Under the weather
30 Cupid's yokemate
31 Is for you?
32 Short-term employment
34 Schleps
35 Shakespeare's river
36 Cockpit VIP
37 Steeple
40 Regimen
41 Lumber
42 Spring parade leader
46 Initial stake
47 Birthright barterer
48 Old studio letters
49 Paraphernalia
50 Sommelier's offering
51 Stitch

Down

1 Noisy dance
2 Oklahoma city
3 With glee
4 Friend of D'Artagnan
5 Disposition
6 Hostel
7 Get a glimpse of
8 Wheedle
9 Addict
10 Not so much
11 Tardy
16 Verse
19 Weapon's handle
20 Alkali neutralizer
21 Festive
22 Pythias' pal
23 Watchful one
25 Vagrant
26 Some track-and-field athletes
27 Therefore
28 Take a break
30 Bear lair
33 Pantry
34 Stead
36 Resentment
37 Booty
38 Corn concoction
39 Tittle
40 Actress Cannon
42 Kitten's call
43 "— was saying, ..."
44 Scratch (out)
45 Promptly

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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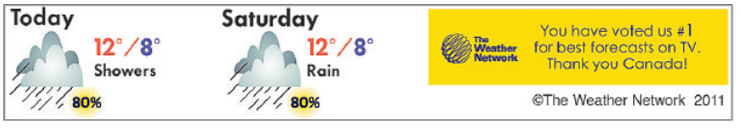

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Jupiter in your sign makes you want everything to be perfect but, of course, nothing ever is

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 You will be in just the right place at just the right time today

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Nothing in life ever comes for free. Bear that thought in mind today you won't go far wrong.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Steer clear of power struggles and office politics today.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 If someone gives you a hard time today it is most likely because they want to provoke you.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You may wonder if you really deserve all the good things that are coming your way. Of course you do: you earn everything you get in life.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Stay calm, be positive and act as if you have already won.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Don't compare yourself to other people

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Don't keep your suspicions to yourself: if facts and figures don't add up find out why.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Emotions will be running high today. Let is pass in peace.

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Focus on tasks that are enjoyable and do not require much effort.

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